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Rocky Ford Fire in Grant County

State fire assistance has been mobilized to support local firefighters working to contain a wildfire, which is burning approximately 4 miles northwest of Moses Lake, in Grant County.

Washington State Patrol Chief John R. Batiste authorized the State Fire Services Mobilization Plan at 12:01 a.m. today.

Grant County fire officials reported that fire has burned an estimated 5,000 acres, and is threatening approximately 7 residences, a 115kv power transmission line, power sub-station and fish hatchery. No orders for evacuation have been issued.

The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Camp Murray remains at Phase II, to coordinate state assistance for the Rocky Ford Fire. Staff from the Washington State Patrol's Fire Protection Bureau is enroute to the fire. A Type 3 Incident Management Team (consist of 4 to 10 personnel), 10 wildland engines and 2 tenders have been requested to assist. These resources are enroute from Douglas, Chelan and Spokane counties.

Under the mobilization plan, the Fire Protection Bureau will be coordinating the initial dispatch of firefighters, engines, water tenders, and helicopters.

The State Fire Services Mobilization Plan is implemented to provide personnel, equipment and other resources from around the state when wildfires exceed the firefighting capacity of local jurisdictions.

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